

Timberbank JPS School Council

Minutes from October 5, 2015



In attendance: Anna Epitropou (Principal), Lisa Ferguson (Chair), Gerald Jones, Mike Petkovski (Treasurer), Tilley Creary (Secretary), Jeya Balamanokaran, Marilyn Trenbeth (Community Representative), Grace Carasis, J. Sujatha, Emmy Kelly.



Regrets: Lynn Greenwood

Item	Discussion	Action / Responsibility
Agenda items		
Approval of minutes		➤
Treasurer's Report	➤ School Council current balance = \$21,303.55	➤
Principal's Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Principal's Report</u> <u>Oct. 5th, 2015</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great start to the school year – staff and students pleased to be back; we were fortunate and did not have to do any reorganization. Projected enrolment was 237 and we are at 230 students. 2. No New Staff – returning from maternity this year was Kathryn Spirou; Lisa Montgomery is off for the year; Gisha Oommen has returned to the library; Edith Lai is here full-time now (grade 1/2 in the am and music pm). 3. Curriculum Night – postponed 4. No EQAO results at this point. Results for secondary are posted 5. ECO news – Gold Certification –Ecoliteracy continues to be an area of focus for us this year; Eco Team has begun next week; Walking Wednesday on International Walk to School Day 6. Our first spirit day was on October 2nd with our Terry Fox Run/Hat Day; 	

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	<p>next spirit day - Halloween – Assembly; parade in the afternoon on October 30th; Movie Night – Oct. 29th</p> <p>7. Athletics – Cross Country team – grades 1-6 students have been practising; October 8th conference finals at Thomson Park; October 15th – East Finals; Oct. 22nd – City Finals</p> <p>8. After School Program – offered free through Agincourt Community Services; every day till 5:30pm all year; wait-listing students now</p> <p>9. Newsletter – updates through email going home every 2 weeks, next one this Friday</p> <p>10. Fundraising Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Movie Nights (to be announced) - Winter Concert – December 17, 2015 - “Move-A-Thon” – February 26, 2016 - Spring Concert – April 28, 2016 - Spring Fair – June 2016 <p>11. Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall Community Clean Up – October • October 8th – Picture day • October 12th – Thanksgiving • October 13-15th – Dental Screening Day • October 19th – Federal Elections in our Gym • October 28th – “Take Me Outside Day” • October 29th – Movie Night • October 30th – Hallowe’en Parade in the pm • November 4th – Take Your Kid to Work Day 	
Elections for this year’s School council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members voted in/volunteered for this year’s school council are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Co-Chair – Lisa Ferguson ○ Co-Chair – Mike Petrovski ○ Treasurer – Lynn Greenwood ○ Secretary – Jeya Balamanokaran ○ Community Representative – Marilyn Trenbeth 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health and Safety Representative – Grace Carasis • Congratulations everyone! 	
School Council Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is agreed that Mondays are generally a good night for all to attend council meetings. • The 2nd Monday of each month has been designated as the regular meeting date. 	→
PRO Grants – Parent workshops to be planned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year’s grant has been approved • Items that must be decided on within the next month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 event or 2 ○ Tentative dates based on presenter availability ○ Topic of focus for parents/kids portions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Online safety / cyber security / social media behavior ▪ Healthy Living / boot camp ▪ Mindful parenting, positive discipline presentation ▪ Public Health Nurse (topics tbc) ○ Council agrees that it is worth it to use council funds to top up money spent on food for participants 	→ Lisa will send spending categories to council members so that we are all aware of where grant funds can be spent → Topics for presentations and ongoing event planning will continue via email for all interested in participating
Fundraising Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising plan for 2015/16 remains the same as last year. • There is a fundraising letter available for council members to bring around the community to ask for donations. • Donations are need for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student event prizing ○ Spring Fair ○ Various Raffles held throughout the year 	→ Lynn will update group on where the donation tracking spreadsheet stands for this year
Round Table / New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Nights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council agrees that movie nights will continue for this school year as long as we receive enough volunteers for each event. ○ Volunteers required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Min 3 for Kinders ▪ Min 1 for older kids ○ Student volunteers from local schools are welcome ○ Tentative Movie night date – October 29th (TBC when union/strike considerations are taken into account) ○ Tentative film for October movie night – Hotel Transylvania 1 	→ Anna - A volunteer sign up request will be sent out with the Movie Night flyer

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Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next meeting – November 9 at 6:30pm	→
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